

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Methamphetamine (Meth) use and distribution has been recognized as a major and growing problem for all citizens of the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, In one way or another, all South Dakota residents will feel the impact of this dreadful disease through increased costs associated with drug use, addiction, chemical clean up, increased work for law enforcement and social services, overcrowded jails, increased domestic violence and physical abuse, shattered marriages, lost jobs and devastated and neglected families; and,

Whereas, South Dakota, through an appointed statewide task force, has completed a strategic plan to provide Meth-specific education, prevention and early intervention, drug courts and correctional and community-based treatment programs for Meth-specific treatment; and,

Whereas, The Meth Awareness and Prevention Project of South Dakota (MAPP-SD) has created a series of training videos for various professional occupations, retailers, hotel/motel operators and the general public, and plans are in place to produce a medical training video series; and,

Whereas, The "Face Facts: Meth Makes You Ugly" campaign launched in May 2006 focuses on the true consequences of Meth use and utilizes real stories to help explain this dangerous drug through presentations to students at 12 South Dakota high schools and middle schools and through the distribution of posters, fact sheets, book covers and pencils to parents and students at the State Fair and to schools across the state; and,

Whereas, In 2006, 32 percent of the males and 47 percent of the females in our prison system had a Meth diagnosis, which prompted the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Department of Corrections to design a Modified Therapeutic Community for Meth-addicted female inmates; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor of this state to encourage the continued efforts of policymakers to seek funding and support to further raise community awareness for prevention, treatment and enforcement of the unlawful use and distribution of Methamphetamine:


Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 30, 2006, as

METHAMPHETAMINE AWARENESS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State